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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A brewing filter apparatus for a coffee- or beverage- making machine, comprising a handle attached to a receiving or brewing container, a filter, an outlet nut fixed to the said container, and a foam maker attached to the said outlet nut, whereby said foam maker has a bottom.

15. (Currently Amended) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 14, wherein the handle, container, or filter is made, formed or fabricated of a suitable metal, such as stainless steel[[],] or a suitable plastic, such as heat resistant plastic a suitable metal.

16. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 14, wherein the outlet nut comprises an opening for creating foam or froth.

17. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 16, wherein the diameter of the opening is between 0.8mm to 2.0mm.

18. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 14, wherein the foam maker is suitably positioned to permit one or more jets of brewed coffee or beverage to make contact with the bottom of the foam maker to produce foam.

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19. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 18, wherein the foam maker comprises an exit opening.
20. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim of claim 19, wherein the opening on the foam maker is positioned away from the jets of brewed coffee or beverage.
21. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a detachable mesh.
22. (Currently Amended) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 21, wherein the mesh is ~~pivettally~~ connected by a hinge.
23. (Original) A device comprising the brewing filter apparatus of claim 14.
24. (Currently Amended) A brewing filter apparatus for a coffee- or beverage-making machine, said apparatus being useful for preparing a brewed beverage having a froth or foam layer, the improvement comprising,

a handle attached to a receiving or brewing container, said handle and said container being adapted for measuring and receiving an appropriate amount of coffee grounds or brewable substance, and said container being adapted for brewing coffee grounds or brew-able substance when the container is placed in said coffee- or beverage-making machine and for reducing the amount of water remaining in said brewing filter apparatus after the completion of the brewing process;

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a filter remove-ably mounted in said container;

an outlet nut, one end of said outlet nut is attached to the bottom portion of said container;

a foam maker attached to the other end of said outlet nut;

a foam chamber formed by the inner walls of said outlet nut and said foam maker,

wherein said foam maker has a bottom and includes one or more exit openings to permit foam and the brewed beverage to exit the foam chamber,

wherein said outlet nut comprises at least one opening for providing fluid communication between the container and the foam chamber, and for delivering one or more jet of brewed beverage to the foam chamber; and

said outlet nut and said foam maker is arranged such that foam is produced when one or more jet of brewed beverage makes contact with the bottom portion of said foam chamber maker.

25. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 24, wherein the diameter of the opening is between 0.8mm to 2.0mm.
26. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 24, further comprising a detachable mesh.

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27. (Currently Amended) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 26, wherein the mesh is pivottally connected by a hinge.

28. (Currently Amended) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 24, wherein the foam maker and the outlet nut are cast, molded, fabricated, or formed as a single member.

29. (Original) A brewing filter apparatus for a coffee or beverage device, comprising:

a handle attached to a receiving or brewing container;

a filter remove-ably mounted on the container;

an outlet nut, one end of the outlet nut is attached to the bottom portion of the container;

a foam maker attached to the other end of the outlet nut; and

a foam chamber form by the inner walls of the outlet nut and the foam maker, the foam maker includes one or more exit opening to permit foam and brewed beverage to exit the foam chamber,

wherein the outlet nut includes one or more opening for providing fluid communication between the container and the foam chamber, and for providing jet(s) of brewed beverage to

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the foam chamber, the diameter of the opening is between 0.8 to 2.0 mm,

wherein the exit opening on the foam maker is positioned away from the jet(s) of brewed beverage flowing into foam chamber, and foam is created when jet(s) of brewed beverage makes contact with the bottom portion of the foam chamber.

30. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 29, further comprising a detachable mesh.
31. (Currently Amended) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 30, wherein the mesh is pivotally connected by a hinge.
32. (Original) The brewing filter apparatus of claim 29, wherein the foam maker and the outlet nut are cast, molded, fabricated or formed as a single member.